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ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: DERM1100-1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Rheins et al. Art Unit: 1646  
Application No.: 09/375,609 Examiner: S. Prasad  
Filed: August 17, 1999  
Title: METHODS AND KITS FOR OBTAINING AND ANALYZING SKIN  
SAMPLES FOR THE DETECTION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS (as amended)

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

TRANSMITTAL SHEET

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for the above-identified application please find:

1. Response to Office Action mailed January 31, 2001, including Exhibits A and B;
2. Check No. 475861 in the amount of \$90.00; and
3. Return Receipt Postcard.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8	
I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, <b>April 27, 2001</b> , in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.	
<b>Cecilia Tobin</b>	
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<i>Cecilia Tobin</i>	<b>April 27, 2001</b>
Signature	Date

In re Application of:

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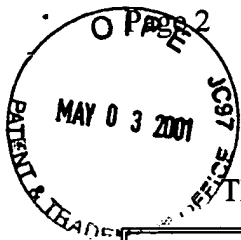
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The Fee for this Response is calculated as follows:

For	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Large Entity Rate	Small Entity Rate	Calculations
Total Claims	73	63	10	x \$18	x \$09	\$90.00
Independent Claims	5	8	0	x \$80	x \$40	\$ .00
Multiple Dependent Claims				\$260	\$130	\$ .00
Basic Filing Fee				\$710	\$355	\$ .00
					TOTAL FEE	\$90.00

Enclosed is Check No. 475861 in the amount of \$90.00 for ten (10) additional claims. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees associated with the filing submitted herewith, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A copy of this Transmittal Sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: April 27, 2001

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RESPONSE

Sir:

Responsive the Office Action mailed January 31, 2001, please consider the following remarks and amendments.

In the Claims

Please enter the following rewritten claims:

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